

Christiania Newsletter

October 2023

*We start with Christ
in our serving, in our caring,
and in our growing*



Christiania Friends,

How are you and those around you doing in this season? Are you thriving? withering? Are you content? As we transition into our fall ministry season, two things are holding my imagination: (1) we are in transition; and (2) there is an opportunity to be intentional. Part of the reason to be intentional is so we are, as scripture reads, "...like trees planted by streams of water."

Quite often, we are unaware of the transitions happening in our lives but changes in seasons provide us with clear indicators we are transitioning into a new season. The transition from summer to fall means declining temperatures, the browning of once green grasses, slowing growth, and falling leaves. The box elder bugs have also returned. These signs remind us of the things we can do to prepare for the coming season: cleaning, trimming, putting away, transitioning from mowers to snow blowers, etc.

So too in the church, we're living in transition. The fall season reminds us of a return to worship and education practices which are different from the summer season. Our Educational Ministries kickoff, including Sunday School and Confirmation, Wednesday worship returns, and more of us gather regularly for worship. All these function to make us "...like trees planted by streams of water."

They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper. (Psalm 1:3)

We see transition in Christiania's Refresh Project. Our sanctuary, fellowship, nursery, and offices are undergoing remodeling and we have been worshipping at the New Market Township Hall. Upon project completion in later October, we will return (transition) to our home—Christiania. We also have a Call Committee seeking a Deacon to oversee our Children, Youth and Family (CYF) Ministries and other responsibilities like worship, teaching, caring, and serving. We hope to be interviewing candidates as soon as October.

The opportunity in many of these transitions in the church is to consider our preparations for future things and new routines so we are "...like trees planted by streams of water." When planted next to water (the source of life) we thrive. No longer do we wither but, rather we "...yield their fruit in its season." How important this is to our spirit.

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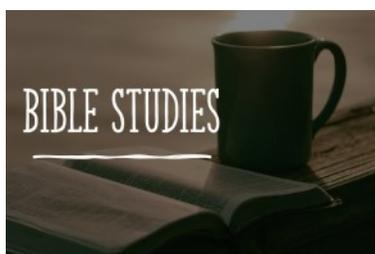
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A WORD FROM PASTOR (continued from page 1)

Friends, we too need water and food for life. More importantly, Christ is our source of life. How near are you planted to God? Are you thriving? Withering? Are you content? As we enter a new season there is an opportunity for all of us to take stock of where you are in the journey. Make sure you're planted by streams of water and the living water—Jesus Christ. There are ample opportunities to draw in to him in prayer, worship, serving, and learning at Christiania this fall. So that, like the words of Psalm 1:3, "...in all that they do, they prosper."

In grace and flexibility, God loves you and so do I!
Pastor Jon



Tuesday, 8:00 am September 5, 12, 19, & 26 — <i>Meets via Zoom</i>
Tuesday, 9:30 am (Women's) Canceled until October
Wednesday, 10:00 am Christiania Lutheran Church Women (CLCW) Canceled until October
Thursday, 10:00 am September 7, 14, 21 & 28 — <i>Meets via Zoom</i>
Saturday (2nd & 4th), 8:00 am (Men's) September 9 & 23 — <i>Meets via Zoom</i>

August Worship Attendance	
Sunday, September 3:	O: 38 I: 89
Sunday, September 10:	O: 66 I: 109
Sunday, September 17:	O: * I: 104
Sunday, September 24:	O: * I: 108
O=Online, I=In-person	
*online data is calculated by counting the number of views over a 7-day period and doubling it	

Come & Worship

All Worship Services are offered in person as well as online via YouTube unless otherwise noted.

- Sunday, October 1 :** 9:00 am *Offsite* Worship with Communion
- Sunday, October 8:** 9:00 am *Offsite* Worship
- Sunday, October 15:** 9:00 am *Offsite* Worship with Communion
- Sunday, October 22:** 9:00 am Worship
- Sunday, October 29:** 9:00 am Worship
- Sunday, October 29:** 11:00 am Confirmation Worship

For these of our congregation:

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|-----------------|----------------|
| Ken Beske | Eunice Ott |
| Denny Carey | Jeff Otto |
| Susie Stiehl | Colleen Powell |
| Lynn Dale | Karen Erickson |
| Lois Haglund | Lyle Kuehn |
| Janice Geissler | Mark Rogers |
| Sharon Syverson | Dick Panek |
| Sharon Thompson | Roger Brack |
| Diane Brack | LeRoy Clausen |
| Ken Maxa | Sabrina Hurrle |

Others:

- Andy Dalton, *friend of the Parker family*
 Carl Wicklund, *father of Kim Duffrin*
 Kaitlyn Terzino, *great niece of John & Shar Berge*
 Palo Petersen, *son of Linda Costa*
 Jerry Bolton, *son of Gladys Bolton*
 Paul, *nephew of Sandy Cross*
 Jack, *friend of the Holien family*
 Milt Strang, *brother-in-law of LeRoy & Lori Clausen*
 Judy, *mother of Daron DuLac*

For those who mourn:

Jeff Martin, Carol Ostlie, family and friends as they mourn the loss of Russ Martin.

Jason Flooding, Hannah, Riley and Cayden as they mourn the passing of Therese Pendleton.

In the Military:

- Nick, *nephew of John, Mariann & Don Storlie*
 Rachel Estrem, *servng in the National Guard*
 Courtney Johnston, *niece of Denise Kanfield*
 Andrew Johnston, *nephew of Denise Kanfield*
 Matthew Johnston, *nephew of Denise Kanfield*
 Brenden Rogers, *nephew of Mark & Lori Rogers*
 Josh Dennehey, *son of John Dennehey*
 Christian Weidling, *nephew of Sherri & Mike Mohn*
 Max Baker, *grandson of Sandy Cross*
 Miguel Nuno, *nephew of Arcadio & Tania Gutierrez*
 John Rogers, *son of Mark & Lori Rogers*

Prayer Requests

To receive weekly prayer concerns by email, please sign up at office@christianialutheranchurch.org

Names will stay on the prayer chain for one month unless an extension is requested.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

TO SIGN UP, VISIT OUR WEBSITE, AND CLICK ON "HOW DO I" AND THEN ON "SERVE."



We're looking for volunteers to serve in a variety of ways. No experience is necessary:

GREETERS, LECTORS, ASSISTING MINISTERS, AND COMMUNION ASSISTANTS.

VIDEO OPERATORS

Streaming worship needs video operators. Ideally, a small team of individuals can rotate every Sunday (similar to ushers and other volunteers). We will provide training; it will be easier to run than your smart phones! Ages from high school and up are welcome to participate in this exciting outreach opportunity! Please contact Dr. Matt if interested.

Update:

Congregational Vote to Call A Deacon

We are thrilled to announce that on August 6th, the Congregation voted to call a new rostered leader to Christiania. This is a pivotal moment for our community as we look forward to welcoming this new leader into our family. We are confident that their unique skills and experiences will help us continue to grow and thrive as a community of faith. We are excited to begin this new chapter in our journey together and we invite you to join us in celebrating this momentous occasion. Stay tuned for more updates as we move forward with this exciting new chapter in our congregation's story.

HELP NEEDED

If interested in helping organize and digitize Christiania's treasure trove of historical information and documents, please let Pastor Jon know. pastor@christianialutheranchurch.org



October

Sun	Mon	Tue	
1 9:00 am Offsite Worship with Communion 10:00 am Fellowship Hour	2 5:30 pm FRC at Firehouse Grille in New Market 5:30 pm Communications Team Meeting via Zoom	3 8:00 am Bible Study 10:00 am Staff Meeting via MS Teams	4 12:00 pm Ar 5:00 pm N
8 9:00 am Offsite Worship 10:00 am Coffee Hour 10:00 am Worship Team Meeting	9	10 8:00 am Bible Study 10:00 am Staff Meeting via MS Teams 6:00 pm Christiania Council via zoom	11 12:00 pm Ar 5:00 pm C
15 New Member Sunday 9:00 am Offsite Worship with Communion 10:00 am Coffee Hour 11:00 am CYF Team Meeting	16 5:30 pm Communications Team Meeting via Zoom	17 8:00 am Bible Study 10:00 am Staff Meeting via MS Teams	18 11:30 am Or L 12:00 pm Ar 12:00 pm Ne 5:00 pm N
22 Stewardship Temple Talk 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Coffee Hour	23	24 8:00 am Bible Study 10:00 am Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Christiania Council	25 11:30 am Bo 12:00 pm Ar 5:00 pm N 5:30 pm D 6:00 pm Y 6:30 pm W 7:00 pm A
29 Reformation Sunday Stewardship Temple Talk 9:00 am Worship with Communion 10:00 am Coffee Hour 11:00 am Confirmation Worship	30 5:30 pm Communications Team Meeting via Zoom	31 8:00 am Bible Study 10:00 am Staff Meeting	



Thank you to all who donated supplies for Sunday School and God's Work our Hands. What a blessing you are to this important program. Thanks again!

Love,
Sunday School teachers and kids

Thank you to the Christiania Lutheran Foundation for not only supplying funds for Sunday School attendance awards, but also funding the supplies for the Gaga pit. When it's finished, we will let all the Foundation members play the first game! Advice: take Advil first!

Thanks for your generosity and blessings to our youth and whole church!

Love,
Becky Ruen & Christiania youth.

Children,

2023

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Announcements Due GCB	5	6	7
Announcements Due Chancel Choir	12 10:00 am Bible Study	13	14 8:00 am Men's Bible Study
Offsite Women's Lunch Announcements Due Newsletter Deadline GCB	19 10:00 am Bible Study 4:30 pm Missions Team 6:30 pm Ministry Board	20	21
Book Club Announcements Due GCB Dinner Youth Bells Worship/Confirmation Adult Bells	26 10:00 am Bible Study	27	28 8:00 am Men's Bible Study Trunk or Treat

Youth, & Family

Due to the extended construction period, we must delay the official start of Sunday School; date: TBA. In the meantime, at the New Market Township location, we will continue with small projects your kids will enjoy on Sundays. A meet-and-greet at a park in Elko New Market is in planning stages. This will be great for the kids and parents to meet teachers, play, and informally discuss the Sunday School program. Date and time TBA, so please check the weekly e-news for more information. (Oct. 1st or 8th have been discussed.)

Thanks for your patience as we all anticipate our exciting future!

Love,
Becky Ruen &
Sunday School teachers

Executive Council

President: Bill Kanfield
Vice-President: Greg Silus
Secretary: Lonna Selkirk
At-Large Members: Jane Ward
George Silverness Warren Peterson
Terry Laschinger Tia Burnham
Treasurer: Linda Heine
Senior Pastor: Jon Rhodes

Ministry Board

Sue Jacobson
Joel Ruen
Lucy Hurrle
Tania Drexler
Becky Ruen
Pastor Jon Rhodes

CYF

Nick Clark
Tia Burnham
Jackie DuLac
Becky Ruen
Susie Stiehl
Kim Robertson

Membership

Kelly Ronn
Bob Monio

Congregational Life

Lucy Hurrle
Julie Booth
Needed

Property

Brad Smith
Dave Mohling
Jeanne Nash
Bruce Mohn

Missions

Cindy Hildreth
Scott Tempel
Daron DuLac
Sue Jacobson

Stewardship

Joel Ruen
Lori Clausen
Needed

Worship

Robin Martin
Tania Drexler
Jane Ward
Joan Eckdahl

Evangelism

Tia Burnham
Needed
Needed

Dr. Matt Steinbron
Pastor Jon Rhodes

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Daryl Rieck Usher Co-Coordinator

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



Veterans Book

We continue our journey to recognize those who serve and have served in the military. We are working to collect information on our veterans to create a booklet. Each veteran will have a page in the book

that will include the Veteran's name, branch, rank on exit, dates served, areas stationed/served and any notes the veteran is willing to share as well as pictures. Tia Burnham and Denise Kanfield are collecting the information. There are lots of options to provide this information:

Individual sheets are printed and ready for pick up at the information Desk

- Complete sheets can be turned to Tia, Denise or the office
- Connect with Tia or Denise during Fellowship and complete the form in an interview format
- Schedule time to chat via a call or in person
- Email information to

Tia, tmjohnson4721@gmail.com, or Denise, denisekanfield@hotmail.com

We will be working to collect the information through September so we can edit and print prior to Veterans Day recognition in November.

Thanks, Denise

Hello prayer warriors! We are looking for people to write devotions and partner in prayer while our group goes to Tanzania in October. We are open to any scripture with some thoughts or devotions written. Wouldn't it be FANTASTIC if we could get enough for both morning and evening for the approximately two weeks? It would be so awesome if while you are doing the devotion in America, we will be doing them in Tanzania!



We would love your prayer participation and devotions! Please contact Beth Minea at beth@foreverpets.com or text 651-336-9948

Thank you so much for considering participating and partnering with us!

In Christ We Stand!!

Beth & Jamie Minea, Rachel & Charlie Fausch, Chris Fausch, Missy & Sam Rhodes, Juli & Bo Skillman

As part of the budget and planning process for 2024, the Council will be inviting committee chairs for a 15 minute presentation of their 2024 work plans and funding requests to Council at either the September, October or November meetings. Committee goals, objectives and high-level work plans are an important and complementary part of the overall CLC refresh and facility investments. We would like to hear how we can collaborate on plans to provide 2024 mission, ministry and outreach. Invitations and additional information will be provided.



SINGLES GROUP EVENT

Christiania's "Singles" group welcomes all to meet for dinner, friendship and fun lively conversation. The group gathers at different local restaurants each month. The next gathering is TBD on **Tuesday, October 17 @ 5:30 pm**. Please call Carri in the church office, or Barb Bachman if you plan to attend so we can give the restaurant a count.

WOMEN'S LUNCH BUNCH

Women's Lunch Bunch will meet at **TBD on Wednesday, October 11 at 11:30 am** If you would like to carpool or if you have questions, please call Carol Garant at 651-334-3286 or Sandy Cross at 952-607-8211.

We will be reading TBD and will be meeting on **October 17, at 11:30 am** Bring a bag lunch and something to drink. For more information about book club, call Arlene Jacobson at 952-461-2229.





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Ihemi Student Sponsorship gift season

It is that time of year again for generous members/friends of Christiania to consider financial gifts to sponsor young adults at our partnered church in Ihemi for secondary school. In general, a \$500 gift will support a student for the year although any gift amounts will be “pooled” for Ihemi partnership committee to allocate according to need. In late October, 9 Christiania members will be in Tanzania visiting our partners but our 23-year relationship goes much deeper than just those who are fortunate enough to visit Ihemi. All gifts (financial, prayer, love) play a significant role in keeping this relationship strong and alive.

As an ongoing ambassador for Christiania to Ihemi over the past 22 years, I fondly think back to our first four students in 2001. Their names are Habakuk, Rehema, Lucy and Yohana and I can only imagine how their lives and that of their family members have been positively affected by Christiania’s expressions of LOVE through sponsoring poor and orphaned students to attend secondary education.

If you are willing/able to support this ongoing effort, please provide a check written out to Christiania and clearly indicate – “Ihemi Student sponsorship” on the check (or on a post it note) to ensure it is applied to this 2024 student education campaign. Thank you all for keeping these brothers and sisters a part of our congregation in various ways. Please see below a note received from a former student expressing extreme gratitude for this program!

Blessings,
Bo Skillman

The newsletter is published monthly as a ministry of Christiania Lutheran Church of Lakeville, Minnesota. Articles are due by the 18th of each month. Got questions, suggestions, or items to include in the next edition? Contact Carri in the church office at office@christianialutheranchurch.org 952-461-2283.